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Run far, run fast The track and field team traveled to meets across the country over the weekend.

Across the map Matt Decapo thinks that climate change is the cause of a wide variety of problems.

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# **Students:** experience, education important

**Degrees not necessarily** indicative of professional line of work

John Forsee

When Ben Moats, 2008 K-State graduate in business management, first entered college, he had already spent six years in the workforce gathering the skills necessary to serve as a business manager for a manufacturing company.

Moats is an example of a graduate who has gotten his job as a result of practical experience and the academic background he received at K-State. He transferred to K-State from Highland Community College, located in Wamego. Moats is the part-time owner of a number of companies and a business manager at KG Moats and Sons, a manufacturing and systems integration company located in St. Mary's,

However, Moats was a nontraditional student because he worked six years before going to college. Moats said his work experience helped him when he started looking for a job. He became a shop worker and later a business manager for the same company. Without his education at K-State, he would still be working in the shop, he said, and he would not have been able to transition to an administrative and management job.

While he thinks that experience is very helpful, Moats said practical experience and academics are both necessary for furthering one's career.

"Academics is a very good foundation ... In business management, the foundation is important to have, but experience is more important because it is not very specialized," Moats said. "However, for the more specialized fields, academics is more important."

Moats said he learned the value of academics in specialized fields after he saw his brother Nick receive a degree from K-State in electrical engineering. Moats said he thinks that K-State has elevated his mind with its excellence in academics and is impressed with

K-State as a whole. Tim Lindemuth, editor-inchief of K-Stater Magazine, said he believes academics and practical experience are both very important for a student's success. K-State not only gives its students a good education, but it also tries to help them find the jobs that they are looking for in addition to hiring a good many of them, he said.

Lindemuth also said he is always willing to help people in any way possible, including but not limited to giving out K-Stater Magazine to illustrate good writing. He has worked at K-State for 35 years and said the university aims to keep its employees for as long as pos-

Steve Smethers, associate professor of journalism and mass communications, said because of the economy, many graduates receive jobs that utilize their skills, but not their dream jobs.

According to the K-State 2010 one-year alumni survey summary report, 83 percent of first-year alumni said they have been employed in a field related to their degree or area of study. Ninety-seven percent of four-year alumni said they have been employed, and 81 percent of them said they have their ideal job.

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# Alpha Kappa Alpha kicks off week of events

Sorority aims to educate students on initiatives including health, human rights

Jakki Thompson assistant news editor

As students and community members packed into Salsarita's Monday night, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority kicked off their AKA - "Welcome to the Ivy League" - Week with an open mic night. The evening featured many different performances by K-State students.

Opening the show was Taneysha Howard, junior in agricultural communications, who performed a spoken word original piece. Howard said she likes to support the different multicultural student organizations at K-State.

When I get the opportunity to perform, I do," Howard said. "I set the bar for the rest of the performances. That was one of the most nerve-wracking things about having to go first.

The event was the kickoff for AKA week, with an event that adhered to some of their six sorority initiatives.

The initiatives include categories such as emerging young leaders, health initiatives, global poverty, economic security, social justice and human rights and internal leadership for external service.

Throughout the week, the sorority will aim to uphold all six of these initiatives by highlighting them at events designed to educate members of the K-State campus about the society we live in.

"We like them [event participants] to have a good time at an AKA event," said Ashley Cavazos, president of



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**Stephen Chislum**, senior in architecture, sings "Where I Wanna Be" by Donnell Jones at the Open Mic night in Salsaritas Monday night.

Alpha Kappa Alpha and senior in agricultural communications. "We wanted to share these talents with the K-State community."

Performers showcased different styles of work. Some performed songs, other performed spoken word pieces and others

rapped. There was even a stand up comedian who performed.

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# Culture, architecture focal points

**Mabel Matamoros says** rehabilitation of Cuban **buildings** presents opportunities for K-State students

**Anton Trafimovich** 

About 80 students and faculty members gathered in the Little Theater in the K-State Student Union to listen to Mabel Matamoros, Cuban architect and professor, speak about architectural and cultural differences between the U.S. and Cuba. Matamoro's lecture was called "An Overview of Cuba Today."

Matamoros, who teaches at Jose Antonio Echevarria Polytechnic Institute in Havana, is currently visiting K-State to observe the architecture program and share her own experiences in Cuban architecture.

She is also meeting with various representatives in the geography, modern languages and women's studies departments.

'I was really excited that we had the opportunity to have a Cuban architect here and hear her perspective on the difference of cultures," said Danielle Denlinger, graduate student in landscape architecture. "I think without basic understanding of the culture you wouldn't be able to start asking those [architectural] questions. It was a very appropriate forum."

Matamoros was invited to K-State by Jeffrey Smith, associate professor of geography. Smith met her in Havana, where he was working on his research on the evolution of the Malecon district in Cuba, which is considered to be a top tourist attraction.

Although Matamoros spent much of her time observing architecture studios and talking to students and professors, she also presented the cultural heritage of Cuba to a broader audience in her lecture.

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# Vietnam War veteran shares collection of combat poetry

### **Former Marine and** poet John Musgrave says war is dirty, horrifying

**Austin Enns** 

Post-traumatic stress disorder can be a serious problem for former veterans trying to shift back to a civilian life. This problem can be seen in veterans from most wars, but the Vietnam War is an especially dark chapter in American history that has scarred many veterans.

"I am going to share the experiences of one of America's children who loved their country enough to kill for it, to cut short their childhood," said John Musgrave, Vietnam War veteran in the United States Marine Corps and poet. "When it came to my generation the poor and the working class shouldered the burden."

On Monday night in the Hemisphere Room of Hale Library, Musgrave weaved a commentary emphasizing a gritty and unheroic view of war, amidst his poems on the gruesome nature of his experiences in Vietnam.

Some poems were longer than others, but many were short and shocked the audi-

"You don't have to speak Vietnamese to know when somebody is begging you not to kill them," Musgrave said.

Musgrave said he often did not name his poems because he did not want to go back just to make an appealing hook for readers. On some poems, he pointed out that a title would be as long as the poem itself.

Briana Nelson Goff, director of the Institute for the Health and Security of Military Families at K-State, warned the audience of the powerful nature of the sub-

"When we say this will be an evening of poetry, keep in mind it's war poetry," Goff said. "Now John is a Vietnam veteran, but his words cross generations."

Musgrave discussed thoughts of suicide and his recovery process, and also talked about war as a whole.

"There is no glory in war," Musgrave said. "That is the most obscene lie told to children that I know of. It's a dirty, horrifying line of work that costs us our freedom."

Although Musgrave said he detests war, he also emphasized the kinship and brotherly bonds built in the service. In fact, Musgrave said the reason he is alive today is because of his fellow

soldiers.
"We loved each other enough to die for each other, and I don't know if you can love anybody more than that," Musgrave said. "In fact, the last time I was wounded,



my life was purchased with the lives of two of my com-

Later in the evening, Musgrave read a poem on that experience, entitled "Notes to the Man Who Shot Me,"

which is also the title of the book he was selling at the

The poem was based on his account of getting shot by an enemy, and then being used as bait to kill other members

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John Musgrave, author and Vietnam War veteran, stays after his poetry reading to sign autographs in Hale Library Monday night.

of his unit who were trying to

"Would you know all this time I have felt like your accomplice in the killing of my friends," he said, while reading his poem. "I've realized we have more in common than the men who sent us to kill each other."

Afterwards, Musgrave talked about his guilt because he only knew his two rescuers by their nicknames.

Post-traumatic stress disorder was often mentioned throughout the program. Musgrave told the audience the disorder had to be dealt with by all soldiers who faced combat. Recovery is a choice, Musgrave said.

"I am not saying this is the way it has been for every veteran, but it has for me," he said. "Everybody has wounds from serving in combat, not everybody has scars, but everybody has wounds."

Poetry is Musgrave's way to deal with his trauma, and all of the poems were intensely personal. He discussed how

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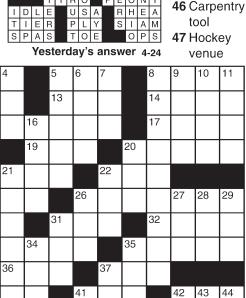
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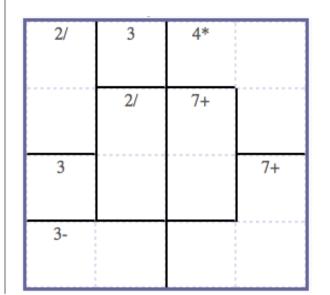
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Gustavo Adolfo Correa, of the 800 block of Humboldt Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$127.

Isaiah D. Carlos Mellington, of the 1700 block of Ranser Road, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Nicholas Grant Berges, of the 1800 block of Erickson Street, was booked for burglary. No bond was

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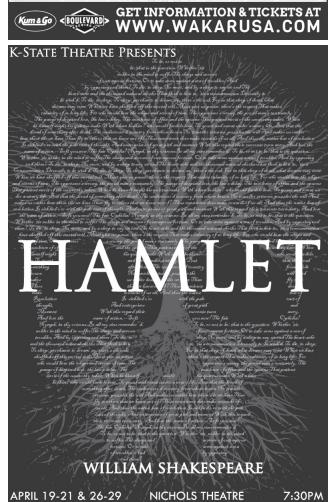
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**TRACK AND FIELD** 

# Athletes compete in meets across country, face tough comeptition

**Adam Suderman** 

### The Wildcats covered a large portion of the country over the weekend facing

some of the nations best

The track and field team kept its season going on a very competitive note this weekend as athletes competed at four different meets across

the country. Portions of the team were split up on Thursday to travel to the Mt.

SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif., and to the Kansas Relays in Lawrence. The Wildcats also competed at the the Cal State LA Twilight Open in Los Angeles, Calif, as well as the Long Beach Invitational in Norwalk, Calif., on

Saturday.
The Wildcats faced high-level competition from both professional and collegiate ranks in Walnut but came away with strong individual performances.

Alyx Treasure continued her impressive freshman campaign, finishing in an eighth-place tie in the women's high jump. Her jump of 5-09.75 placed second among college

competitors. Senior Boglarka Bozzay also performed well, finishing sixth overall in the women's 800 meters in a time of 2:04.50. Her time was the best among the college athletes in the event.

Senior Ryann Krais, currently ranked No. 3 in the NCAA women's heptathlon, finished eighth in the women's 400-meter hurdles in a time

A small number of Wildcats competed in Lawrence at the Kansas Relays on its final day with a highlight performance by Chris Camp-

The freshman continues to show promise in the men's 400 meters, finishing sixth with a time of 48.73. The performance is his second top-10 finish in the last two weeks.

Junior Jacquelyne Leffler added a seventh-place finish in the discus, throwing 155-05 and eighth in the

Tough competition continued for K-State in Norwalk as the Wildcats capped off the weekend with a large number of athletes competing in the

Erica Twiss gained plenty of experience over the weekend competing in multiple events. The sophomore athlete's weekend was highlighted by her 59.90 performance in the women's 400-meter hurdles, earning her a fourth-place finish.

The Wildcat women's short sprints built on a strong resume over the weekend at each meet.

Samantha McKnight added one of the weekend's best performances for K-State with a seventh-place finish in the women's 100-meter dash. The junior was able to run under 12 seconds with a time of 11.97.

Sophomore Carlos Rodriguez continues to show huge potential for the Wildcats in his inaugural college track season. Rodriguez finished with a time of 10.47 in the men's 100meter dash, which also places him fourth in school history.

The split competition concludes next weekend for K-State with two prestigious track meets. The Wildcats will send athletes to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

athletes

# Wildcats grab three medals, prepare for Big 12 Championship

Sean Frye

In their last regatta prior to the postseason, the K-State women's rowing team won three medals at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship last weekend in Oak Ridge, Tenn. The Novice 8 boat won third place, the Varsity 4 grabbed second and the 2nd Varsity 8 boat won

The younger boats really made an improvement down there," head coach Patrick Sweeney said. "And I'm happy they were able to move up and

The Novice 8 boat did well all weekend, winning their preliminary heat to advance to the top semifinal. A third-place finish in their semifinal placed them in the "A" Final, where they finished third overall with a time of 7:11.12.

The Varsity 4 boat finished second in its preliminary heat, its semifinal race and in the final race as well. The George Washington Colonials and the Wildcats outraced the entire field in the finals, and the Wildcats finished just behind the Colonials with a time of The best showing in Tennessee from the Wildcats came from the 2nd Varsity 8 boat, as they bested the competition in the finals, beating the secondplace Colonials with a time of 6:50.30 despite losing to the same team in the preliminary

Sweeney saw the success of the younger boats as a sign that the rowing program is solidify-

"We are continuing to grow,"
"Want the Sweeney said. "We want the program to turnaround. We are taking in Kansas kids and building the program up, and we will get better every year. And that is what's happening."

The top-level boat for the Wildcats, the 1st Varsity 8 boat, was the only boat not to bring home a medal over the weekend, finishing fourth in the finals. Regardless, Sweeney was impressed with how the boat performed.

"The way they raced was the best I've seen them race in a couple seasons," Sweeney said. You know it's just a shame that the other boats were just really impressive. They raced really well, though."

The SIRA Championship marked the end of the regular season for the Wildcats, who

will travel to the Big 12 Conference Championship this weekend down in Oklahoma City. The Wildcats will face the Kansas Jayhawks, Oklahoma Sooners and Texas Longhorns.

The Sooners and Longhorns are the routine favorites, but Sweeney is not counting out his team, which has seen vast improvement since the start of the

"I never like to predict, and Texas and [Oklahoma] have got deeper programs than we got," Sweeney said. "Anything can happen on race day, though."

Sweeney added that the ability of the Óklahoma and Texas teams to be in the water yearround with indoor facilities gives them a competitive edge.

"We can only get on the water until so late, and we tend to start the season really slowly," Sweeney said. "We pick up speed a lot during the season, and that's what we do. It's not the nicest way to do it, but it just means we approach things differently."

After the Big 12 Championships, the Wildcats return to Oak Ridge, Tenn., on May 12-13 to take part in the Conference USA Championship, with which the Big 12 rowing schools are partnered.

# Top five Heisman Trophy candidates for 2012-2013 season



With spring training underway and the upcoming Spring Game on student's minds, **Jared Brown explores** who could be Heisman **Trophy worthy this** season

### **1. MATT BARKLEY**

**QUARTERBACK, UNIVERSITY** OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

In his junior campaign, Barkley burst on the scene for the Trojan offense, throwing for more than 3,500 yards for 39 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. If Barkley can put up similar numbers this season, he will make his first trip to New York as a Heisman finalist.

### 2. MONTEE BALL

**RUNNING BACK, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN** 

Ball finished in the top five of Heisman voting last season as he rushed for over 1,900 yards and 33 touchdowns. He also had more than 300 receiving yards and six receiving touchdowns. His 39 total touchdowns tied the record for most touchdowns in a single season, set by Barry Sanders in 1988. Ball decided to put the NFL on hold after being told he'd most likely be a third-round selection. With the NFL in his future, Ball will look to improve his draft stock in his senior season.

### 3. MARCUS LATTIMORE

**RUNNING BACK, UNIVERSIT** OF SOUTH CAROLINA

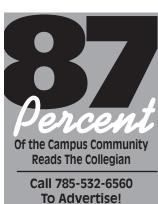
Lattimore spent the second half of last season on the sidelines with a leg injury; however, be-fore the injury, Lattimore put up numbers that indicate a Heisman could be in his future. His freshman year, Lattimore rushed for more than 1,100 yards and 17 touchdowns. If Lattimore is healthy, he will be a tough takedown for Southeastern Conference defenses and could finally have the season Gamecock fans have been expecting.

**OF GEORGIA** 

In 2011, Murray threw for 35 touchdowns and more than 3,100 yards for the Bulldog of-fense. When he became the quarterback at Georgia, many expected him to be the next Matthew Stafford. If Murray can continue to get better and put up impressive numbers, he'll make a name for himself and be one of the more productive quarterbacks in the country.

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Klein was explosive last season for the Wildcats and put up huge numbers as he used his duel threat abilities to record 27 rushing touchdowns and more than 1,100 yards rushing. He also threw for over 1,900 yards and six passing touchdowns. Klein will once again look to lead the Wildcat offense in his senior season and if Klein can improve on those numbers, he will find himself as a serious Heisman candidate in



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# LIFE DEFINING

# Organ donations save lives, time of 'death' debatable



Kelsey McClelland

As you stroll into the Department of Motor Vehicles, excited to finally get your driver's license, the implications of one question are probably far from your mind: Do you want to be an organ donor? You sign the donor registration form and a few weeks later when your driver's license arrives in your mailbox, "organ donor" in red print is featured next to your

But what does it really mean? That your death saves another's life? Yes, but that's where the problems begin: when is a person truly dead?

According to a March 19 NPR segment featuring the book "The Undead" by Dick Teresi, drawing the line between life and death is becoming increasingly blurry.

"Well, the new meaning of dead is, for most people, is pretty much the old meaning, which is your heart stops, you stop breathing, and they can't restart you," Teresi said in the segment transcript. But what about brain

In the transcript, the host, Terry Gross, said, "If you have opted to be an organ donor and are declared brain dead, you may be placed back on a ventilator to keep oxygen circulating through your body to support your organs until they are removed.

Are you alive or are you dead? In recent years, however, another definition of death has arisen, defining it as "an irreversible cessation of circulation and heartbeat and breathing and no intervention will be done to restore it," according to a March 28 NPR article by Rob Stein.

Defining death isn't always as simple as loss of some brain function or the cessation of a heartbeat. Vast strides in medicine, including the invention of the ventilator and a heart-lung machine, called ECMO, cause some individuals to argue that since these advances keep blood circulating, then perhaps the brain is still alive as well.

These machines are used for the purpose of keeping the organs nourished until they are ready to be removed and transplanted to someone else, essentially keeping the organs "alive."

According to the March 28 NPR article, some transplant centers wait five minutes after the



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circulatory system has ceased to function to be sure the patient is in fact dead and the heart won't start up again on its own. Others only wait two minutes.

The problem becomes that no one can say with absolute certainty at what time the patient or any of the patient's body systems could be brought back. "You could say, well, they're

almost dead, or they're close to dead or they're dead enough," said Stuart J. Youngner, a Case Western Reserve University bioethicist, in the same NPR article. Some argue that even with

the use of the ECMO machine,

the patients are in fact dead and

the machine has only restored circulation; no one will attempt to revive the donor's heart. It's all very gray, very hazy. Defining death might be as difficult

as defining when life begins in the

Do you want to be an organ donor? You may have never really thought about it much; you're more excited to have that driver's license in your wallet, but maybe that's the problem.

I'd like to think that my death would help someone else live, but do I want to leave it up to my family and friends to determine whether I'm truly dead? What if there is some miniscule hope that my brain might still function? Perhaps donors should be able define their own parameters of

Personally, I favor the circulatory death definition. You've stopped breathing, your heart isn't beating and circulation has ceased; you are dead. The lack of a heartbeat sold this definition for me. While the ECMO machine can bring "life" back to the circulatory system, the patient's system would not be functioning without the machine, and the patient would still be defined as dead.

The expression "the lights are on, but no one is home" summarizes my thinking. And, because I favor this definition of death, I think that I should be able to check a little box on an organ donor form that classifies me as being dead when my circulatory system has ceased to function. Others could check boxes corresponding to their interpretati of death, and perhaps this could help the medical community skip over the whole ethical dilemma so those depending on a donor's organs don't have to wait.

Kelsey McClelland is a junior in journalism and mass communications. Please send comments to opinion@kstatecol-

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# Our actions affect climate, causes various problems



Is the climate changing? The climate has always been changing. Small variations in the amount of solar radiation reaching the planet or events like an asteroid impact or volcanic eruption have led to dramatic changes in the climate throughout

history. So the next question is: can humans have an effect on the climate? Remembering what happened with chlorofluorocarbons can provide some insight. The chemicals were used as a refrigerant fluid and as a propellant in aerosol cans. Their long lifespan allowed them to diffuse up into the stratosphere and get carried by the air currents to the earth's poles.

The sun's ultraviolet light hits the chemicals and breaks the bonds, releasing chlorine, which acts as a catalyst that destroys ozone and causes the "ozone holes" at the poles of our planet. These holes allow much more UV radiation to get through and have contributed to some of the

highest rates of skin cancer in

The seemingly innocent act of using an aerosol spray can in one part of the planet ended up contributing to skin cancer in another.

And how about burning massive quantities of fossil fuels for transportation, energy and production? Could that have far-reaching consequences as well?

We know this causes local air pollution, especially in big, industrial cities where the particulate- and chemicalladen air causes breathing and other health problems for many around the world.

But this pollution doesn't just dissipate into the atmosphere. It turns out that the atmosphere, just like our planet, is finite, and the air pollution is accumulating

quicker than it is degrading. We cannot keep dumping our pollution into the air and water as we consume ever increasing amounts of resources and keep turning every usable plot of land into agriculture without expecting our actions to negatively affect our planet

and the climate. If small changes in the amount of light we receive have changed our climate dramatically in the past, how could our dramatic modification of the land and the chemical constituents of the atmosphere and oceans not

change the climate? Especially when we are enacting such large changes over the course of a few centuries when nature normally makes comparable changes over hundreds of thousands of

years? The unusually warm and erratic weather we have been having has been making many people, especially politicians, curious about the sci-

ence behind climate change. K-State physics professor Brett DePaola recently served as a Jefferson Science Fellow and was able to advise policy makers in the State Department's Office of Economic Analysis and learn about the inner workings of the political process.

There is no question that humans are contributing to global warming in a measurable way," DePaola said in an email interview. "However, the issue is complicated by people with vested interests 'cherry picking.' For example, folks on both sides of the issue put out misleading - or outright incorrect - information ... The best I can hope for as an educator and sometimes-science-adviser is to try to make sure that the science is understood. Then I step out of the way while the politics

ensues." One of the most distinguished researchers on climate change here at K-State

is Charles Rice, distinguished professor of soil microbiology, 2011 president of the Soil Science Society of America and co-winner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. His research has aimed at understanding the relationship between soil organisms and climate change, to better equip farmers with the knowledge to deal with a changing climate.

"The combination of increasing concern over food security, declining natural resources [soil and water], and climate change pose the greatest challenges facing our planet," he said in an email interview. "Climate change also affects the frequency of extreme events including drought, flooding, intense storms, and heat waves. These extreme events will increase risk to our environmental and economic security. While some people are concerned about the cost of doing something to reduce greenhouse gases, doing nothing will

come at a cost." However, there are lowcost options to reduce greenhouse gases.

"Improving energy efficiency reduces our energy consumption while reducing greenhouse gas emissions," Rice said. "Improving forest and agricultural systems to reduce greenhouse gas emissions also improves

sustainability, efficiency and profitability of our food and natural systems."

The problem of climate change that we face is very big and real. We are contributing to the change, and it will affect us very negatively in the long run if we do not discuss and act on the changes that our societies and economies need.

We must really begin to learn more about this issue if we want to pass on to our kids a planet remotely like the one we grew up on.

Learn about where your food and energy comes from. Build up a resilient community where you live. Reduce waste. There are small things that we can all do each day that will have tremendous impact when we get enough people to understand the seriousness of the problems we face.

It is time for humans to rise to one of the greatest challenges we have ever faced and cooperate on a scale that has never happened before in human history. I want to be able to tell my grandkids that I worked my hardest to leave the best possible planet for them. What will you tell yours?

Matt DeCapo is a senior in architectural engineering and physics. Please send comments to opinion@ kstatecollegian.com.





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Smethers said networking is very important, which is why he brings in people like Steve Physioc, professional sports play-by-play commentator, to talk to students and to possibly give them help or job references later on. Smethers said that neither academics nor the practical experience is more important than the

"We push our students to get internships," Smethers said. "The job search starts now, not when you are a senior ... it starts from the moment you step foot on campus."

Andrea Gladin, 2002 graduate in architecture, worked at an architecture firm for a year, but realized that she had other interests that she wanted to pursue.

After deciding that architecture was no longer for her, she decided to apply for a position at K-State.

Currently, Gladin is the director of programs for the K-State Alumni Association. Gladin said one of the main reasons that she got this job was because she was a member of the student alumni board, saying that her experiences as a student allowed her to have a grasp on what the job entailed and knew many of the professionals involved in the organization.

"I seized the opportunity that was given to me by the alumni association," Gladin said. "The practical experiences are just as important as the studies ... whether it's through travel, internship or extracurriculars. They are important learning oppurtunities and may help the student in his or her future path."

Gladin said she was intrigued by a different job and wanted to work with people more. She said she really enjoys the job that was given to her and that, although she received an excellent education in architecture, she wants to be in the profession that she currently is in.

"Activity in college is very important," Smethers said. "K-State gives students the practical experience as well as academics — they go hand in hand."

# **OPEN MIC** | Week events include sand volleyball, slam poet

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In between three sets of five performances, there was a presentation from several local businesses including Greekdom, a Greek apparel and novelty store located in the K-State Student Union, ShopDaisy Boutique, a clothing store located just south of the intersection of Tuttle Creek Boulevard and Leavenworth Street, and MyRiBit.com, a website designed to help students share resources and class notes.

The owners of all three of these businesses were previous K-State students and now own local businesses.

"We wanted to do a program that was both entertaining and educational," said Jocelyn Clemons, vice president and programs chair of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and junior in agricultural technology. "There are so many unique voices. We wanted these voices to be heard."

At the end of the night, there was a raffle give away with gift certificates to Olive Garden and Gambino's Pizza. The audience members were also encouraged to like the local businesses on Facebook for more free food giveaways.

"Overall, I thought it was a good show," said Michael Mitchell, junior in computer science. "I am big on funny stuff, so I liked the last act [a poem performed by Byron Brown, junior in social sciences]. It picked up as it went on, but the acts were

The rest of AKA Week will feature a slam poet in the Union from noon to 1 p.m. and a sand volleyball tournament at the Peters Recreation Complex from 7-10 p.m., both on Wednesday.

To conclude the week, AKA will sponsor "RAINN," which stands for Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network, on Thursday in Union Room 207 from 7-9 p.m.

"We would like to see people come out and support the rest of our week," Cavazos said. "We really appreciate all of the people who came out tonight to support our opening event."

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Cassie Smith, senior in life sciences, reads a poem she wrote about an experience she had working at St. Jude's Hospital at Open Mic night in Salsarita's on Monday



# **CUBA** | Speaker shares personal insight, statistics

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Matamoros spoke about several different topics including political relations between Cuba and the U.S., and also presented a general overview of Cuba's climate, education, culture and art, national cuisine, traditions and customs.

Along with official statistics, Matamoros shared some personal insight on the island nation. She said, for instance, that most Cubans spend much of their time outside of their houses. Cubans are also famous for their predilection to play dominos at any place, she said jokingly.

"I thought it was a good

it more about culture," said Matt Spaniol, senior in interior architecture and product design. "The overview of the entire culture was good. It's always nice to learn more about other cultures."

Part of the lecture was devoted to discussing Cuban housing and architectural heritage. For example, Matamoros said that 85 percent of people own the residences in which they live in Cuba, and the government also provides its citizens with loans that have accessible interest rates.

Matamoros said that the best of Cuban architecture was completed in 1950-1970s.

tract American students to come over to Cuba for their research.

According to Smith, the objective of Matamoros's visit was to enable students and professors from K-State to travel to Havana and learn in an environment that has not seen a lot of changes since the

That's a rare opportunity to be able to go back and see what was going on," Smith said.

Matamoros also added that Havana is an appropriate example to observe the process of urbanization in the city with

five centuries of history. "It would be very interest-

presentation, you learn a little She said this fact would at- ing for the students of Kansas bilitating of some buildings," Matamoros said.

According to Matamoros, learning educational approaches in architecture at K-State is important for her. She said, despite the similarity of education in Cuba and the U.S., there are some essential differences.

"I'm learning things that would be good for me in the future," she said. "I like the system of discussions of ideas at seminars. We kind of have that, but sometimes students are more quiet. But here people are more animated and

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# **POETRY** | Work offers hope despite dark content

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veterans had to find their own way to deal with their personal scars.

Despite the darkness of the poems, Musgrave's work also had a hopeful note because he realized he was now living for all the men who had died in his

"Sleep is a nightmare is it not?" Musgrave said. "How could it be otherwise? To live with my pain and horrors is still to live. I know many who if they

how lucky I am." One of the most horrifying stories Musgrave told involved seeing a buddy walk off the trail

could but speak could tell me

only to get vaporized by an explosive device. Musgrave then recounted collecting the meager remains in a bag and sending it back to the man's family.

"Putting this on paper has often been like sticking a finger down my throat and throwing up, or lancing a boil," Musgrave

said. After Musgrave finished

his presentation, the audience members gave him a standing ovation.

Anne Schmitz, senior in family studies and human services, said she enjoyed the topic.

"I loved it, I'm the intern for this - I kind of helped set this up," Schmitz said. "I think it's something everyone should hear. It's very powerful."

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